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21st March, 2005

The Secretary
National Stock Exchange
of India Ltd.
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Mumbai 400 051

The Dy. General Manager Corporate Relationship Dept. The Stock Exchange, Mumbai 1st floor, New Trading Ring, Rotunda Building, P. J. Towers Dalal Street, Fort Mumbai 400 001 The Secretary
The Calcutta Stock
Exchange Association Ltd.
7, Lyons Range
Kolkata 700 001

Dear Sirs,

Allotment of Shares under the ITC Employee Stock Option Scheme

In terms of the Listing Agreement, we write to advise that the Company on 21st March, 2005 has issued and allotted 52,502 Ordinary Shares of Rs.10/- each, upon exercise of 52,502 Options by Optionees under the ITC Employee Stock Option Scheme.

Consequently, with effect from 21st March, 2005, the Issued and Subscribed Share Capital of the Company stands increased to Rs. 2,48,22,13,290/- divided into 24,82,21,329 Ordinary Shares of Rs.10/- each.

Yours faithfully,

(R. K. Singhi)
Deputy Secretary

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